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**Hurricane Harvey
Region 6 PIAT Accomplishments & Forecasts
September 1, 2017**

Lead

- Welcomed new Team Leader Tonia Biggs
- Carmen Assunto transitioning out
- Training for new Lead
- Prepared VOCUS for press officers to access HQ lists
- Added Leader documents to SharePoint
- New Lead had sign in sheet created
- New Lead discussed topics for potential flyers

Engagement

- Compiled and finalized full engagement email lists to state, congressionals, EJ and NGO's.
- Received a Congressional inquiry from Congressman Olson's office from the EPA Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs regarding assistance for Pearland, TX, sewer treatment plants.
- Received a public inquiry for potential contamination or damage from Superfund sites affected by Hurricane Harvey.
- Received a second inquiry from Environment Texas for a full Superfund site list affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Forecast:

- Reply to Congressman Olson's request.
- Reply to public inquiries.

Information Management

- 2 FOIAs
 - 011059 The Houston Chronicle – HH Response and San Jac Site
 - 011066 Dr. Silvana Barbanti – Wants info on hazardous chemicals released from

ExxonMobil refineries and chemical vapors released from Arkema plant in Crosby, TX

- 3 Public Inquiry (PIC Line)

Media

- Media clips at 0930, 1330 and 1530
- Updated talking points for field personnel
- Advised PIAT info management of Houston Chronicle FOIA
- No new media inquiries as of 1530
- Media trends: fuel waiver, fuel shortages, Arkema facility status and history
- Forecast: Long-term effects of flooding, impacts on EJ communities, indoor cleaning/debris issues

Research/Fact Finding

- After review of original PIC material, converted PIC Contact List to Excel spreadsheet for sorting. (Will utilize original document to select Hurricane-related contacts).
- Created Sign-in Sheet for PIAT staff, should they come in to work this weekend.
- Began to establish a Key Documents Library Catalog system, with links for flyers, site information (Site Summaries, QA/QC, Action Memos and Sampling Plans) and Website Links. Collecting existing materials/links.

Forecast:

- Clean-up PIC list to identify “subject matter experts.”
- Continue to work on Key Documents Library Catalog system and adjust as materials become available.
- Work with new Research/Fact Finding staff member to discuss guidelines and procedures for updating FAQs and developing briefing materials.
- When needed, research public meeting locations
- When needed, recommend staffing projections, location (field versus virtual).
- Review emails from Janie Acevedo and file documents that I do not have.

Web/IT

- Revised Flickr upload instructions.
- Assisted with downloading PIC list information for research function.
- Monitored HQ social media accounts.

Sincerely,

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